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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the informalities set forth in the Office action. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and to correct informalities. Claims 5, 13, 14, and 16 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-5, 11-14, 16, and 20-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with regard to the terms “a candidate” and “wrinkles on the skins” in claim 1, and the term “the sponge protein” in claim 2. The terms have been changed to --a human--, --wrinkles on the skin--, and --the sponge hydrolysate protein--, respectively, thereby obviating this rejection.

The rejection of claims 5, 13, and 14 is moot as these claims are canceled.

CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. The grounds for rejection which are not discussed here are moot. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns

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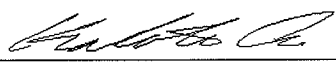
which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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